

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES AND MINERALS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6273
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2000
BAUXITE BASED INDUSTRY
RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are formulating any scheme to set up bauxite based industry in the bauxite dominated areas of the country, particularly at Lohardaga and Ranchi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to promote bauxite based industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS

(SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) (b) & (c) There is no proposal to set up any greenfield Alumina/Aluminium Plant in the public sector. However, National Aluminium Company Ltd., (NALCO) a Public Sector Company, is currently implementing major expansion programmes for increasing its capacity of Bauxite Mines and Refinery (at Damanjodi, Orissa) and Smelter and Captive Power Plant (at Angul, Orissa).

(d) Manufacture of Alumina and Aluminium metal have been exempted from the provision of compulsory licensing. Hence entrepreneurs are now free to set up bauxite based industries i.e. new Alumina Refineries and Aluminium smelters by simply filing an Industrial Entrepreneurs' Memorandum. The sector is also open to foreign direct investment.